IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION No 14331 of 2003

For Approval and Signature:

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE A.R.DAVE

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgements? : NO

2. To be referred to the Reporter or not? : NO

3. Whether Their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgement? : NO

4. Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India, 1950 of any Order made thereunder? : NO

5. Whether it is to be circulated to the concerned Magistrate/Magistrates,Judge/Judges,Tribunal/Tribunals? : NO

RUKHIBEN NATVARLAL PATEL

Versus

REGIONAL PASPORT OFFICER

Appearance:

1. Special Civil Application No. 14331 of 2003

MR CA BHAKTA for Petitioner No. 1

MR DN PATEL for Respondent No. 1

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE A.R.DAVE

Date of decision: 16/10/2003

ORAL JUDGEMENT

Rule. Service of rule is waived by learned advocate Shri N.J. Shah appearing for Shri D.N. Patel,

Sr. Standing Counsel. At the request of the learned advocates, the petition is finally heard today.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that her date of birth was initially recorded incorrectly as 20.7.1938 on the basis of her school leaving certificate in the passport, which was issued to her (No. B-5533408). Thereafter the petitioner has come to know that her correct date of birth is 18.8.1938 as recorded in the Register of Births and Deaths maintained under the provisions of Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.

3. In the circumstances, the petitioner wants that her correct date of birth be recorded in the passport, which might be issued to her.

4. In pursuance of notice issued by this Court, learned advocate Shri N.J. Shah has appeared and has submitted that on the basis of information given by the petitioner in the past, in the passport which had been issued to the petitioner it was stated that the petitioner was born on 20.7.1938. However, it has been submitted that if the petitioner submits an application for making corrections, her application will be looked into and after considering the evidence adduced by the petitioner, if the authority is satisfied that the correct date of birth of the petitioner is 18.8.1938, a new passport stating the correct date of birth shall be issued to her.

5. Looking to the facts of the case, the petitioner is directed to submit an application to the respondent authority with relevant documents and evidence to show that the petitioner was in fact born on 18.8.1938. If the authority is satisfied that the correct date of birth of the petitioner is 18.8.1938, I am sure that the authority shall issue a new passport recording correct date of birth.

6. In the instant case, only on account of incorrect information given by the petitioner to the respondent, the date of birth was recorded as 20.7.1938. The respondent authority will have to issue a new passport if it is found that the date of birth stated by the petitioner while applying for her passport was incorrect. The respondent authority will be put to difficulties because of a mistake committed by the petitioner and therefore the petitioner is directed to pay a sum of Rs.5,000/- by way of costs to the respondent.

7. In view of the above direction, the petition stands disposed of as allowed. Rule is made absolute to the above extent. D.S. permitted.

(A.R. Dave, J.)

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